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Fish Figures.

The report of the Bureau of Fisheries for the month of March shows that there were landed at this port during that month 191,814 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$53,676 and 213,856 pounds of salt fish valued at \$6,986. At Boston for the same month there were landed 10,751,500 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$273,202.

French Banker Spoken.

Steamer Eonian at Boston yesterday reports on April 20, in north latitude, 45 degrees, 2 minutes, and west longitude, 36 degrees, 40 minutes, spoke the French fishing bark Aralia of St. Malo on her way to St. Pierre, Miq., to fit out for the cod fishery on the Grand Banks.

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BREAKERS AHEAD.

For Premier Bond and His Famous Retaliatory Act.

Official Washington Believes Colonial Office Will Take a Hand.

The New York Tribune publishes the following from Washington:

"Advises from St. John's, N. F., seem to indicate that the colonial legislature, under the leadership of Premier Bond, has by the enactment of retaliatory legislation, rendered doubly difficult the task of those members of the senate who have hoped ultimately to secure the ratification of the Hay-Bond treaty after eliminating such amendments as would render it practically nugatory.

"No opinion regarding the effect of Newfoundland's recent legislation is expressed at the state department, as it is regarded as certain that the British colonial office will exercise its prerogative to nullify any portion of the legislation which may violate the treaty of 1818. If the St. John's despatches prove accurate it will become imperative that the British colonial office so exercise its prerogative, as the treaty of 1818 insured to American fishermen the right to take fish off the shores of certain portions of Newfoundland, and, moreover to land on certain shores of Newfoundland to dry and cure fish."

RAN HIS BOAT UNDER.

Thrilling Experience of Cape Sable Lobster Fisherman.

During the fierce squall of wind and snow on Monday morning Elazar Penney of South Side, fishing alone two miles off Cape Sable, N. S., was making for land when his boat ran under and sank immediately. He caught hold of an empty crate which floated out, and clung to it desperately, washed by the waves and unseen by anyone, for the rest of the fleet was scattered in the distance and the thick snow hid them from sight. After half an hour, Clarke Penney, rowing his dory towards shore, came across the man on his frail support and took him on board, speechless and nearly unconscious. He was unable to walk for a long time after being landed. It was truly a miraculous escape.

Immense Smelt Catch.

The Modoc, Conn., gang of smelters under charge of Capt. Chester W. Barnes broke all the season's records Tuesday morning, when they took over 700 pounds of smelts from the Shetucket river. The smelts were running finely and every time the seine was drawn there was a great catch.

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WHITNEY BLAMES LODGE.

For the Death of the Hay-Bond Treaty.

Spoke Last Night Before Brockton Board of Trade.

Mr. Henry M. Whitney of Boston in a speech last evening before the board of trade of Brockton spoke on the subject of reciprocity. In the course of his remarks he paid his respects to the great fishing industry of the country and to Senator Lodge in the following words:

"In common with the great majority of the citizens of Massachusetts, I had hoped that a beginning of the extension of our trade relations with these countries might have been made through the ratification in the senate of the Hay-Bond treaty with Newfoundland. The sentiments of the people of Massachusetts were substantially a unit in favor of accepting the treaty, and 99 per cent. of our wage earners would have been directly benefited by it. A republican convention had declared itself in favor of it, national considerations of great possible consequence were involved in it; and yet despite all these things that should apparently have made its support by representatives of the state of Massachusetts assured, its senior senator chose to ignore all these considerations and again permitted a coterie of men in Gloucester to dominate his views of this important question, and was himself more responsible than any one man for the failure of the treaty. And it yet remains to be seen whether he was not at the same time doing an injury instead of a benefit to the fishing interests. Had the attitude of the senior senator of Massachusetts been favorable to the free admission of fish from Newfoundland, it is probable that this provision of the treaty would have been accepted by the senate, and being passed in this form would probably have been accepted by Newfoundland."

TO NEXT GENERAL COURT.

Proposed New Lobster Bill Referred by Senate Yesterday.

All Amendments Killed After Sharp Debate.

In the senate yesterday, there was a sharp debate in the bill to remove the restrictions upon the sale of lobsters. Finally all amendments were rejected and on motion of Senator Harding the bill was referred to the next general court.

Senator Kimball moved to amend by substituting a bill which provided that the legal length of lobsters uncooked shall be reduced from 10 1-2 inches to nine inches, and not more than 11 inches and that cooked lobsters shall be reduced from a length of 10 1-4 to 8 3-4 or not more than 10 3-4 inches in length and explained that the intent of the substitute bill was to spare the large, egg-bearing lobster.

Senator Kyle of Plymouth opposed any change in the present law, stating that in the judgment of the lobstermen in his district such a change would amount to the "utmost folly."

Senator Harding of the Cape district said that the convention of fish and game commissioners from lobster-producing states voted unanimously in favor of keeping the present system.

Senator Harding moved that the bill go over to the next General Court. Senator Kimball's amendment was rejected. The bill was then referred to the next legislature.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. C. A. Dolliver, Castine, Me., to fit for mackerel netting.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium cod, \$1.62 1-2; all cod caught to the eastward of LaHave bank, \$1.87 1-2; medium \$1.50 cusk, \$1.62 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 85 cts.; pollock, 70c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Bank halibut, 8 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Marion, 5500 cod.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 4500 cod.

Sloop Trump, 5000 haddock.

Sch. Kernwood, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3500 hake, 5000 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Viola, 6200 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 20,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Angielena, 1200 haddock, 8000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.25; large cod, \$2.25; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; pollock, \$1 to \$1.12 1-2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Sylph of Boston is at this port fitting for Rips fishing under command of Capt. Thomas Selig.

Sch. Dorothy is at this port to fit for Rips fishing under command of Capt. Kimball.

Sch. C. A. Dolliver is here from Castine, Me., to fit out and proceed south mackerel netting.

FIRST NETTER IN.

Sch. Hochomock at Fulton Market with 27 large mackerel.

Arrived This Morning with 27 Fish in Count.



A special to the TIMES this noon states that the mackerel-netting sch. Hockomock, Capt. Edgar Smith, arrived at Fulton Market, New York, this forenoon with 27 large fresh mackerel which sold at 50 cents apiece.

This is the first mackerel fare landed this season. The Hockomock is a new Maine schooner boat, and Capt. Smith is one of the leading skippers of the netting fleet. The vessel was here a little over a week ago and was on Burnham's railways for painting and then proceeded south.

HAD 58 MACKEREL.

Another Netter Lands Small Fare at New York.

Another mackerel netter has arrived at New York, the fortunate craft being sch. F. W. Homans of this port, which came in yesterday with 58 fresh mackerel, selling to Caleb Haley & Co. The captain of the Homans claims the honor of landing the first mackerel netting fare of the season.

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HIGHWAY NOTES.

Season's Work on Improvements and Repairs Commenced.

The highway department has commenced work on repairs and improvements for the season, the first large job being the macadamizing of a stretch of Washington street, Riverdale, near the residence of Osman Babson. This is the first piece of permanent work that has been done on the highways by the new administration, and it looks as if, when completed it would be a first-class job.

Sailed for More Pollock.

Sch. Ralph E. Eaton, which arrived here yesterday with a fare of fresh pollock from Provincetown, sailed from there for another load yesterday afternoon.

Halibut Sale.

The fresh halibut fare of sch. Tacoma sold to the New England Fish Co., at 8 cents per pound for white and 6 cents for gray, to take out tomorrow.

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FROM THE PEAK.

Sch. Slade Gordon Brings Poor Fishing News.

Fleet of Thirty Shacks and Bankers Were There.

Sch. Slade Gordon, Capt. George E. Heckman, arrived yesterday afternoon from the Peak, with a broken trip, 30,000 pounds of fresh fish, something unusual for Capt. Heckman, who has always been noted for his big fares. A combination of poor weather, scarcity of fish and small sized fresh bait which spoiled was responsible for the small fare.

Capt. Heckman reports that when he left the Peak, six days ago, there were about 30 sail of shacks and salt bankers there, many of the latter having been to land at Nova Scotia and were fishing on their second baitings. Some of the salt bankers did fairly well on their first baiting, while some had done poorly.

When the Slade Gordon left for home, three vessels were doing very little, although the day before sch. Onato got a fair day's fishing.

Among the vessels spoken by the Slade Gordon were schs. Maryland, Flirt, Mary F. Curtis, Fanny Prescott and Onato.

ONE LARGE MACKEREL

Taken in a Trap at Chatham on Thursday.

One large fresh mackerel was received at Boston Thursday from the traps at Chatham, Cape Cod. This is the first one caught on the New England coast this season.

Up to date the southern mackerel fleet this season has landed 61 barrels of fresh mackerel against 865 barrels to date last spring. In 1903 up to this date, the southern fleet landed 8331 barrels of fresh mackerel.

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IDEAL BAIT STATION.

Says Capt. Alex. McEachern of North Sidney.

Great Quantities of Squid Could Be Taken There.

The North Sydney, C. B., Herald of April 26 has an interesting interview with Capt. Alex. McEachern of the salt banker Maggie and May of this port. Capt. McEachern is one of our leading master mariners and a prominent citizen and the interview with him is as follows:

Capt. Alex. McEachern, master and owner of the Gloucester fishing schooner Maggie May, is in port purchasing a supply of bait. Capt. McEachern is a native of Long Point, Inverness county. Twenty-eight years ago he left his home for Gloucester, and is today one of the most prosperous and successful captains engaged in the fishing industry out of that great fishing port. The captain is in the prime of life and expects yet to spend many years of his life in the prosecution of the fishing industry.

"He says Gloucester is one of the liveliest and wealthiest cities in the United States for its population, its chief industry being the prosecution of the fisheries. Its trade connections with other cities is very extensive, for it is really Gloucester that supplies the people of the eastern seaboard cities with food fish. Every year, he says, the demand for fish is increasing, as people in the United States are consuming more of this article of food than they did in former years.

"Capt. McEachern thinks that North Sydney is an ideal point for a great fishing industry. He says that the best fishing banks are around this island; far better than the Grand Banks, which, of recent years, are becoming depleted of cod. He says that not only Gloucester fishing vessels fish on the Cape Breton but the St. Pierre Frenchmen, the Newfoundlanders, besides Western Nova Scotia vessels fish today on the cod banks around Cape Breton more than they do on the Grand Banks.

With regard to bait, Capt. McEachern says that with a seine the whole fleet of Gloucester could be loaded in one week between Cow Bay Head and Cape St. Lawrence, in September and October, with squid, the best bait fishermen can have. Last fall Gloucester mackerel seiners threw their seines at night for mackerel, and found them loaded with squid instead of mackerel, which they had to empty back into the water.

"Hundreds of tons of squid can be easily taken off Sydney Harbor, the captain states, in September and October, any dark night. He thinks that if there was a large bait plant here, the fishermen, not only the Provincial fishermen, but fishermen from abroad could be supplied with squid and herring bait, the squid bait being far superior, and could easily bring two or three cents per pound. The St. Pierre fishermen would pay four cents per pound for squid if landed there from a North Sydney freezer. He also states that squid can be kept in a freezer for three years and be suitable for bait. He is surprised that North Sydney has not been made a great bait depot years ago."

Lobster Hearings.

The committee on fisheries and game will grant a hearing on Wednesday forenoon at 10.30 o'clock at room 505, State House, on so much of the committee's report as relates to the sale of lobster meat, also for the granting of permits for the catching of lobsters.

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HAS RELATIVES HERE.

Capt. Bonia of Placentia Expresses His Views

In Newfoundland Assembly on Premier's Exclusion Act.

Capt. Bonia, the member of the Newfoundland assembly from the district of Placentia, was one of the speakers in the long debate in that body which preceded the passing of the bill prepared by Premier Bond for the exclusion of American vessels from purchasing bait licenses at Newfoundland.

Capt. Bonia is a brother of Capt. Joseph Bonia of this city, who commands sch. Maxine Elliott. He also had other relatives as a number of friends in this city and therefore his remarks on the bill may be interesting at this time. The St. John's, N. F., Herald speaks of it as follows:

"Capt. Bonia came next with a vigorous speech in which he supported the bill from the standpoint of a practical fisherman. We had always been friendly with the Americans but their senate has ill repaid us. Now we should assert ourselves. We had the key to the fisheries and should not lend it, much less give it to the Americans, unless they guaranteed us an equivalent. We had the bait; the Americans and Canadians could not cut under us any more than did the French, who boasted at first that they would not leave us a haddock, but now were seeking our bait on any terms. We should hold on to our bait. At Cape St. Mary's, in the herring time, 400 crafts would be fishing and lack of bait for five or six weeks would lose them 35,000 quintals, worth \$100,000. The Bond-Hay treaty would give us an equivalent for our bait; we could get our salt bulk fish into America, with its market of 80,000,000 people, and he, who had spent most of his days at the fishery, would be glad to return to it under the conditions created by the Bond-Hay treaty. He sympathized with the Americans, but the interests of his constituents were his first consideration."

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Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Preceptor, shacking.
Sch. Massasoit, south netting.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, shacking.
Sch. Niagara, Georges halibuting.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shacking.